

"OVER THE SEA WITH UNCLE SAM"

As a soldier a man can travel far, wide and handsome, but there are complications. For instance there is the three years that are connected with the trips that a man takes when he is traveling with Uncle Sam. I enlisted with the United States Army June 24, 1929 for the third time. My service in the States had been in North Carolina and Georgia. I told myself that if I enlisted again I would travel and see some of the world. And here I am in Hawaii.

When I enlisted in Atlanta, Ga., I was sent to Savannah, Ga., where I boarded one of the Ocean Steam Ships, (The City of Birmingham) which carried me to New York. We arrived in New York early in the morning and was met by a Sergeant of the U. S. Army who was stationed at Fort Slocum, N. Y. After we arrived on the streets in New York I thought that we were in a small town by the looks of the streets but I found out later that it was only 35th street and that I would change my mind. In passing from 35th street to 145th street I didn't see very much, for the most of the journey was by subway and in there it is as dark as it is at night here. At 145th street we were transferred to the Slocum Dock near Fort Slocum where we were destined to stay for a while. Not long, though, only two weeks, and then we were carried down the east river to the Brooklyn Army Base where there was an Army Transport waiting for us. In passing down the East River we passed under the bridges that are famous all over the world. I can't remember all the names but one that is the oldest I remember. It was the Brooklyn Bridge. It sure is wonderful too. I can't describe it for I haven't the time or space, for I have many more things to describe as I go along.

On the 18th of July we sailed from New York in the Old Atlantic where the water is blue and rough. We had a very pleasant trip to Panama where we tied up for the night. The only thing that was wrong with that trip was the water a little too rough. I couldn't keep my food

down, so you see I had six meals a day—three down and three up. And most of the way by the rail.

We arrived at the break waters at Colon about seven o'clock four days after we sailed from New York and had to anchor until morning before we transited the locks. But what a scene when I got inside of the first three locks. The locks are just boxes with gates that hold water. The ship passes through the first gate and stops and the gate behind is closed and the water came in pretty fast. In twenty minutes we were through the first lock into the next one, and there we were raised in the same manner as before. The ship is pulled along with electric cars that are on the side of the locks. After we had passed through three locks we were in Lake Gatun and that is the largest artificial lake in the world. It is filled by water that comes from the mountain that surround the lake. When a boat gets in that lake it is twenty feet above sea level. When the boats get to the other end of the canal there are four locks that lower the ship to the Pacific. In going to the Pacific from the Atlantic it seems that a person should go south but it is direct east.

Well, we are now tied up at Balboa, which is as close as a ship goes to Panama City. We all have a pass for three hours and are on our way to the City of Panama where whiskey runs freely and the beer comes in barrels. I sure wanted to get some of the beer and see just how good it was but I was disappointed for the boys that were with me had to go to the ruins of Old Mexico City and I had to go with them. There is one of the most magnificent pieces of construction that was ever built in Mexico.

We were almost run over by an approaching automobile and when we remonstrated to the driver of the car he kindly told us to keep on the right side of the street as the cars run on the left. Were we surprised? I'll say we were. All the traffic there is just backwards to that in the States.

A lot of the boys had to be carried in for they had stayed at the bar too long. And probably that was the first time that they had ever been to

a bar so you see why they were so pickled.

We left Balboa Friday the 24th and sailed out onto the calm Pacific where we stayed in sight of land most of the way. In fact only one time were we out of sight of land and that was when we crossed the Gulf of Thauneppe. After two days of sailing we stopped at Corinto, Nicaragua. There we put off three passengers and took on six marines and soldiers.

How many of the readers have seen flying fish? I know that most all of you have read about them and I guess that most of you don't believe that there were anything that stayed in the water that could fly. But it is true. There are flying fish by the millions. I saw hundreds and hundreds of them as I was passing the west coast to San Francisco, Cal. Sharks are a common thing to see in the Pacific. They follow the ship to devour anything that may drop from the ship. And porpoises, by the hundreds follow the ship leaping in the water and playing, waiting for dinner to be served. The ship would run into a school of these fish and split them and you should see them as they went in either direction from the ship. Just any where to get out of the way.

One of the most interesting things that I saw on my trip to the West coast was a turtle about seven feet across his back with three birds of the sea on his back, in other words they were using him for a float. They were safe as long as the turtle stayed on the surface of the water, but when he took a notion to go down the birds had to go up.

We arrived in San Francisco on the 4th of August and stayed there or five days and then we were bound for the play ground of the Pacific, or the Paradise of the Pacific—Hawaii. In my mind there were a lot of things here that I wanted to see when I arrived here. For instance I wanted to see the Grass huts and the Hula girls that a person reads so much about. But I was mistaken for those days are of the past. There are no more grass huts and there are no more hula girls, unless you are fortunate enough to see one of them on the stage. There are only two grass huts left and they are for the benefit of the tourists. It rains here some times very hard

and at times there is only a mist while the sun is still shining, the people here call it liquid sunshine. The climate here is wonderful. The temperature ranges from 75 to 85 and the sun shines most of the time. The birds here are a rare type and I do not know the names. Of course there are some doves here, but not many. The trees here are not common in the U. S. A. I can't even name them but there are some that I can name for I have a specialty, and that is Coconut trees. And there are a lot of banana trees here too. Pine-

apples grow in abundance here, in fact Honolulu is the home of Libby McNeal canneries.

I have only been here 4 months and haven't been to any other of the islands as yet but hope to go

In closing I wish to say that the trip to Hawaii is one to never be forgotten and I hope that some day there will be a way for every one in the United States to make this trip. I thank you.

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Horizontal.

- 1—Apartments of women in a Mohammedan house
- 2—A musical instrument
- 3—A pronoun
- 10—Distinguished
- 12—A note of the musical scale
- 14—On the condition
- 15—A period
- 16—Noting motion toward
- 18—Spherical
- 20—One who reads
- 22—Upon
- 23—A falsehood
- 24—An interjection
- 25—An implement for sewing
- 26—To deprive of horns
- 27—A negative answer
- 28—A diphthong
- 29—Group of five
- 30—Like
- 31—Abbreviation for the "state where the tall corn grows"
- 32—Escorters
- 33—A collection of four
- 34—A printer's measure
- 35—A beverage
- 36—Same as 41 horizontal
- 37—East Indies (abbr.)
- 38—Pertaining to living organisms
- 39—A pronoun
- 40—A carousal
- 41—Year

Vertical.

- 1—A pronoun
- 2—To pay back
- 3—A printer's measure
- 4—The center
- 5—Fondled
- 6—Within
- 7—Fasten
- 8—From
- 9—An abnormal type
- 11—A negative answer
- 12—Garment to protect clothing
- 14—A pronoun
- 17—A conjunction
- 19—One alone
- 21—A genus of tropical plant
- 26—An ago
- 27—A meadow
- 29—An elongated fish
- 30—An implement for rowing a boat
- 31—Cessation
- 32—Vibratory motion
- 33—The nature of a dose of medicine
- 34—Listen
- 35—A girl's name
- 36—Sun god
- 38—A note of the musical scale
- 39—A form of the verb "to be"
- 40—Prefix meaning again
- 41—An assimilated form of prefix "in."
- 42—Doctor of medicine (abbr.)
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